



**Town of Barrington
Tax Assessor's Office
283 County Road
Barrington, RI 02806**

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Town Council Members

In Re: Monthly Report – February 2010

Dear Council Members

This office answered the last of the property tax appeals on February 9, 2010. Taxpayers may still appeal to the Board of Assessment Review within thirty (30) days of my decision. My final list contains some 416 appeals to this office. However, there are some duplicates in the list so the final number is probably about 410 appeals (or about 6% of all properties in Barrington). As you are well aware, the Board of Assessment Review is now at full strength and they have met once in the month of February. The Board has asked the Assessor's Office to put a list on the website showing the outstanding applications to the Board, and the date the appeal was filed. Since there will be more appeals to the board after this list has been completed, it may have to updated a couple of times till we get a final number. As of today, there are 129 appeals to the board that have not been heard. Scheduling has been difficult to say the least, as a large number of the applicants have notified this office that they will not be available to be heard at the time and date the Board has requested.

A review of the motor vehicle file indicates that the most popular vehicle, in the Town of Barrington, in 2009, was Toyota with 2,462 cars (or about 15.4% of all cars in Town) Honda was in second place with 1,690 cars (or about 10.6% of all cars in Town) and in third place was Ford with 1,523 cars (or 9.5% of all cars in Town). The majority of residents in town (55.6%) drive a car New-8 years old, and 95% of the registered cars in Town are less than 22-years old (1988 or newer). The oldest car in town would appear to be a 1911 E-M-F Model 30 Demi Tonneau!

The State of Rhode Island has published the "Tax Assessor's Notice" in the Providence Journal, and we have posted this notice in four places around town. This notice states when and where the True & Exact Accounting is supposed to be submitted. This accounting is supposed to be submitted by every person and/or business in Town that has taxable property.

Those receiving the Circuit Breaker Exemption have started bringing in their financial statements (thirty two to date) to see if they still qualify for said exemption. The Circuit Breaker Exemption can be applied for by residents 65 years or older that have gross income less than \$28,000. The exemption ranges from; \$525 for those seniors making between \$24,000 - \$28,000 up to \$1,500 with incomes less than \$16,000.

Respectfully Submitted

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